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MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Directors  
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SUBJECT: Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)  
Policy Paper #7

Attached is a copy of CSEPP Policy Paper #7, which addresses the use of offpost meteorological towers for CSEPP. The policy allows the purchase of four towers per site, providing one tower on each side of the installation. These towers could give offpost authorities information regarding the travel of a chemical plume, assisting them in their protective action decisions. Please distribute this Policy Paper to your CSEPP States, if you have further questions regarding the document, please contact Kyle Blackman, Chief, Chemical Stockpile Preparedness Branch, at (202) 646-2376.

Attachment

## INTERIM POLICY REGARDING OFFPOST METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS FOR CSEPP

The purpose of this document is to establish an interim policy regarding offpost meteorological towers (met towers) for the States participating in the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP).

1. Although meteorological towers do not support the application of D2PC or HOTMAC/RAPTAD software, Offpost met towers could provide useful data to offpost decision makers regarding the travel of a chemical agent plume.
2. The Functional Specifications for Automation Systems only require offpost authorities to have access to data from Army Meteorological towers. Essential meteorological information is to be obtained from the onpost meteorology system via the automation system.
3. Initial hazard projections are the responsibility of the onpost authorities, using weather data from the site of the incident.
4. The CSEPP automation system is intended to provide offpost authorities with access to data from existing onpost met towers.
5. Each State participating in the CSEPP program may be provided with a limited wind monitoring capability.
6. The provision of this apparatus will not entail the funding of additional staff for the affected jurisdiction(s).

7. This limited wind monitoring capability will consist of not more than four anemometer units, with the capability to monitor wind speed and direction and to transmit this data to the Emergency Operations Center for the Immediate Response Zone jurisdiction. Additional meteorological instruments to monitor temperature, humidity, or cloud ceilings are not required and will not be funded under this interim policy.



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